Strengthening of Lakhimpur College of Veterinary Science

694. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme for strengthening of the Lakhimpur College of Veterinary Science under the Assam Agricultural University was included in the Ninth Plan of the North-East Council;

(b) if so, the financial outlays proposed, total outlays finalised, total allocations and utilisation made during the last two years;

(c) the targets fixed for completion of the project, allocation made for 1999-2000 and for subsequent years indicating reasons for delay in execution; and

(d) the action contemplated to ensure early utilisation and timely completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Financial outlay proposed by the NEC—Rs. 5.00 crores. Total outlay finalised by the Planning Commission for the 9th Plan—Rs. 50.00 lakhs. Total allocation and fund released during the last two years is Rs. 40.00 lakhs and expenditure is nil.

(c) Target fixed for completion of the Project was 12th March, 2000.

Allocation made for 1999—2000—Nil.

Delay is due to failure on the part of the Assam Agricultural University *i.e.* implementing agency to utilise the funds already released by NEC amounting to Rs. 40.00 lakhs and further funds could not be released due to absence of physical progress and Utilisation Certificate;

(d) A project Execution Committee has been constituted by Assam Agricultural University and the first meeting of the Committee was held on 5th January, 2000. It was decided in the meeting to take appropriate expeditious action for completion of the project.

Reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure

695. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question 314 in Rajya Sabha on 7th July, 1998 and to state: